

TENNESSEE BOARD OF COURT REPORTING

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OFFICIAL Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 2nd, 2011

I. Call to order

Chairperson McConnell called to order the regular meeting of the Tennessee Board of Court Reporting at 9:10 EST, 8:10 CST.

II. Roll call

Chairperson McConnell conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Jimmie Jane McConnell, Chairperson
Ken Mansfield, Vice-Chairperson
Ginger Truesdel, Secretary
Sheila Staggs, Board Member
John Green, Board Member
Earl Houston, Board Member
Aaron Conklin, AOC
Debra Hayes, AOC
Libby Sykes, AOC

Others present at the Offices of the AOC in Nashville:

Teri Campbell
Gene Jennings
Jim Vowell
Martha Davis

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion made by Ken Mansfield to approve the minutes from the last meeting.

Motion seconded by Sheila Staggs.

No discussion. Vote taken and passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business

Committee Reports:

Aaron gave report on draft letter to nationwide reporting firms. Discussion was had to include emailing letter to other national firms.

John Green made a motion to move forward with the letter.

Ken Mansfield seconded the motion.

No further discussion. Vote taken and motion passed unanimously.

Stipulation Committee Report:

John Green indicated difficulty in schedules and requested to defer consideration until next meeting. Report was tabled.

Complaint Updates:

Debbie reported no further complaints have come in.

Request for Future Rule Changes:

Aaron reported he has not received any additional requests.

More discussion will be held at the March Board meeting.

FAQ Updates:

Discussion was had on the FAQs. Discussion was had on Board members reviewing Georgia, Alabama and TCRA and Arizona's FAQs for good examples.

Chairperson McConnell reported on an opinion and appeal involving an out-of-state national firm conducting business in another state with an inside licensed court reporter.

V. New Business

Comments from the public:

Chairperson McConnell asked for any comments from the public.

Gene Jennings, Jim Vowell and Martha Davis gave comments.

Response to retention of transcripts and copying of same:

Aaron reported on his response to this question. Discussion was had.

No licensure or registration requirements for out-of-state reporting freelance firm to come to Tennessee and open an office:

Aaron reported there is no license requirement for the firm; however, any court reporter doing work for that firm would need to be appropriately licensed and abide by the rules and regulations.

VI. Miscellaneous

Chairperson McConnell reported any suggested rule changes must be submitted 15 days prior to the next Board meeting on March 30, 2012.

Aaron indicated Libby Sykes had some comments. Libby reported of the possibility the Board may be moved under the guidance of another commission other than the AOC.

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by John Green to adjourn.

Motion seconded by Ken Mansfield.

Motion passed.

Chairperson McConnell adjourned the meeting at 10:15 EST, 9:15 CST.

Minutes submitted by: Ginger Truesdel, Secretary